

BIAS Notification of Updates to Bid Item Listings - September 26, 2011

Iowa Department of Transportation -- Office of Contracts

BIAS has been updated.

- Beginning on page 2 is a summary of the updates to the bid item files.
- New items are effective immediately unless otherwise noted.
- Use of new items on projects let before the effective date will not be permitted.
- Items shown as omitted shall not be used on projects to be let after the Nov 15, 2011 letting.
- FYI: 'Spec' changes to existing bid items are not included in the BIAS notification.

Specifications for most bid items consist of five parts: 1) Description, 2) Materials, 3) Construction, 4) Method of Measurement, and 5) Basis of Payment. The Spec Codes defined below, and shown in the online [English Bid Item Description Book](#) and [Metric Bid Item Description Book](#), is used identify a source(s) where typical specs for the bid item located. The specific source will depend on the actual use and application of the bid item.

The policy of the Office of Contracts is that the designer, of the projects let through the Iowa D.O.T. letting system, insures that all bid items have complete specifications.

Special attention is directed to the codes STD6, SP2, and PLAN that may use or need multiple sources. For many bid items with those codes, additional information is required. This could include entire specifications (all five parts) for a bid item, or modifications/changes/additional requirements to one or more parts of an existing specification. For most of those bid items, the specs could be included in the Item Reference Information or General Notes of the project plan. The designer is encouraged to use the Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, etc. as resources for the proper language for any of the five spec portions for similar bid items.

Spec Code	Spec Source
STD	Standard Specifications - including General Supplemental Specifications
STD2	Standard Specifications - including applicable Supplemental Specifications
STD3	Standard Specifications - including applicable Supplemental Specifications or Standard Road Plans
STD4	Standard Specifications - including applicable Standard Bridge Plans
STD5	Standard Specifications - including applicable Standard Road Plans
STD6	Standard Specifications - including applicable Special Provisions or Project Plan
DS	Developmental Specifications
SS	Supplemental Specifications
SS2	Supplemental Specifications or Project Plan
SP	Special Provisions
SP2	Special Provisions or Project Plan
SBP	Standard Bridge Plans
SRP	Standard Road Plans
PLAN	Project Plan
PROP	Proposal Form

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ENGLISH ITEMS

The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:				
Effect Dt	Item Code	Description	Unit	Spec

These bid items were added by a new Standard Bridge Plans.				
	2423-0001000	ROADSIDE DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN (D.M.S.) SUPPORT	EACH	SBP
	2423-0001010	DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN (D.M.S.) INSTALLATION	EACH	SP2
	2423-1060050	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 50 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060055	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 55 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060060	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 60 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060065	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 65 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060070	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 70 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060075	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 75 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060080	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 80 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060085	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 85 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060090	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 90 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060095	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 95 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060100	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 100 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060105	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 105 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060110	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 110 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060115	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 115 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060120	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 120 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060125	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 125 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2423-1060130	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS, 130 FT. SPAN	EACH	SBP
	2511-7526010	SIDEWALK, P.C. CONCRETE, 10 IN.	SY	STD

The following items have been identified as no longer being valid bid items, and have been omitted from the current version of BIAS:

Item Code	Description	Unit

The size/length of these items is not shown on Standard Bridge Plans.		
2423-1010450	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, ALUMINUM SUPERSTRUCTURE, 45 FT. SPAN	EACH
2423-1011050	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, ALUMINUM SUPERSTRUCTURE, 105 FT. SPAN	EACH
2423-1050280	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, CANTILEVERED, 28 FT. ARM	EACH
2423-1050300	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, CANTILEVERED, 30 FT. ARM	EACH
2423-1050320	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, CANTILEVERED, 32 FT. ARM	EACH
2423-1050360	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, CANTILEVERED, 36 FT. ARM	EACH
2423-1050380	OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT STRUCTURE, CANTILEVERED, 38 FT. ARM	EACH

METRIC ITEMS

The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:				
Effect Dt	Item Code	Description	Unit	Spec

These bid items were added by a new Standard Bridge Plans.				
	2423--001000	ROADSIDE DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN (D.M.S.) SUPPORT	EACH	SBP
	2423--001010	DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN (D.M.S.) INSTALLATION	EACH	SP2
	2423--060000	STEEL OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS,	EACH	SBP
	2511--200250	PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALK 250 MM	M2	STD